

Senate Resolution 1238

By: Senators Thomas of the 54th, Hill of the 4th, Staton of the 18th and Johnson of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Chester Webb; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Chester Webb is the first native Georgian to be named a Basketball All
3 American; he was a first-team choice of the Helms Athletic Foundation National Association
4 of Intercollegiate Athletics All American Basketball Team in 1955 and was also named All
5 American in 1956; and

6 WHEREAS, he began his basketball career in high school in the early 1950s where he was
7 a superlative player, receiving scholarship offers from the University of Georgia and
8 Clemson University before accepting a full scholarship to Georgia Teachers College, now
9 known as Georgia Southern University (GSU); and

10 WHEREAS, he set Georgia basketball records that still stand after 50 years, including
11 establishing a new, all-time scoring record in Georgia with a total of 2,542 points and
12 collecting a record 1,685 rebounds, both in 106 games; he was the first freshman to be
13 selected to the Atlanta Constitution's All-State College basketball team and was first string
14 with players from the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech; and

15 WHEREAS, he was the first man to be named to the Atlanta Constitution's All-State College
16 basketball team four years in a row, from 1952-1956; his career averages of 24 points per
17 game and 15.9 rebounds per game are the best in GSU basketball history; he was the leading
18 scorer on three GSU teams; his season point-per-game averages in 1954-55 and 1955-56 are
19 the two highest season averages in GSU history; he scored 40 plus points nine times and 30
20 plus points 15 times over his college career; he made 21 consecutive free throws in one game
21 and extended the total to 31 straight in the next game; he holds the top ten individual game
22 scoring performances in GSU basketball history; and he helped set up GSU's record for the
23 most assists during one season, 614 in 1955-1956; and

1 WHEREAS, after college, his skills were in great demand, and he was drafted by the
2 Syracuse Nationals in the NBA in 1956 and received an invitation to try out for the 1956
3 United States Olympics, but the military determined his fate, drafting him into the United
4 States army where he played basketball, being named to the All-Army men's basketball team;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, upon completing his military service, he began a career in public school
7 education as a high school basketball coach for 11 years, five in Appling County, Georgia,
8 where he took two teams to state playoffs, and six in his hometown of Elberton, Georgia, and
9 he also served as a woodworking instructor at Elbert County High School, in school
10 administration and supervision, as principal of two elementary schools, director of two
11 county-wide programs, and as Assistant Superintendent of Elbert County Schools for eight
12 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Chester is a loving husband to his wife, Carol, and a devoted father to his son
14 and daughter, and he is an avid hunter, fisherman, golfer, gardener, and chef; and

15 WHEREAS, the first native Georgian to be named a Basketball All American deserves to be
16 inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame as Georgia's most outstanding basketball
17 player in the 1950s.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 join together to recognize and commend Chester Webb for his outstanding contributions to
20 athletics, his community, and this state.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is hereby authorized and
22 directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Chester Webb.